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Demand for Indian goods rising in Canada

New Delhi, July 27 (UNI): A survey team sent to Canada by the Trade Development Authority (TDA) has brought Rs 70 million (39.3 million) worth of trade inquiries for the export of plastic products to Canada. Enquiries are for wall paper, luggage goods, disposable plastic cutlery, plastic houseware, fabrics for plastic woven bags, plastic stationary itemsflooring and hand bags.

India's global exports of these products to all countries during 1974-75 were of the order of Rs 60 million (38 million), out of which the Canadian share had been no more than one per cent. Even if a part of the inquiries brought in by TDA's survey team materialise into firm export orders, a breakthrough would have been achieved into the Canadian markets in these products lines.

TDA has already identified a number of Indian manufacturers of these products.

The trade inquiries have been passed on to these firms and a number of them have already sent their quotations to the manufacturers and importers in Canada. During the course of this survey and also on the basis of the quotations submitted by Indian exporters, it has been found that Indian prices are comparable to those prevailing in the Canadian market. TDA is following up these trade inquiries and is also in the process of evolving a plan to ensure supply of basic raw materials at international prices to the manufacturers in India.

This was the first time that a market survey for these products was undertaken in Canada. The team has established useful contacts with leading Canadian department stores, China stores and importers, who have evinced keen interest in importing plastic products.

A leading manufacturer of Canada is also very keen to get some of hs products out of his present production range manufactured in India.

More arrests under Misa

Bombay, July 31 (UNI): Police arrested 20 persons under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) July 21, bringing the total arrested to 973 in Maharashtra state since the declaration of national emergency on June 26, official sources said.

Of them 12 persons were detained in Thana, four in Buldana, three in Chandrapur and one in Poona.

Sharp fall in prices of essentials

New Delhi, July 31 (UNI): A sharp decline in the prices of essential consumer goods, ranging from 2 percent to 18 percent has been witnessed all over the country since the proclamation of national emergency on June 26.

Prestigious qualifications for doctors

New Delhi, July 28 (UNI): A national board of post-graduate examination will be consistuted for the first time in India to help Indiandoctors to acquire prestigious qualifications comparable with similar qualifications available in advanced countries.

Announcing this at a meeting of the consultative committee of Parliament members attached to the health ministry, health minister, Dr. Karan Singh, said the constitution of the board would obviate the necessity for the Indian doctors to go abroad to acquire foreign degrees and diplomas.

Detailing a series of measures to streamline the medical system in the country, Dr. Karan Singh said a Hospital Complaint Cell would be set up for prompt action on public grievances. As part of improving hospital services in the capital, the out-patient departments in all Government hospitals in New Delhi would operate an evening shift to extend medicare to workers, who ordinarily suffer loss of wages in attending morning services in the hospitals.

He said a new cadre of para-medical personnel would be created to serve as a link between field level workers and doctors in primary health centres. They would undertake preventive and promotional health activities and perform simple therapy.

The Minister also announced launching of a scheme to supply vitamine "A" tablets to children under six years of age to prevent blindess of an earlier stage.

His Excellency Lic. Luis Echeverria Alvarez, President of the Republic of Mexico and Madame Echeverria who arrived in New Delhi on July 21 on a three-day visit were received at the airport by the President, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed and Mrs. Ahmed (flanking the Mexican President), Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, her cabinet colleagues and others.

Electoral law amended

New Delhi, August 4 Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has drawn up retroactive amendments to the electoral law that would free her from conviction for illegal campaign practices. The amendments are assured quick passage by Parliament.

In effect, the bill would invalidate Mrs.Gandhi's conviction on two counts of misusing Government officials during her 1971 cmapaign.

"This makes her whole appeal to the Supreme Court academic" a lawyer said after examining the proposed amendment.

Legal experts point out that it would be difficult to challenge the amendments in court because retroactive legislation has been accepted as constitutional in India in the past and the natural grounds for opposing the amendments have been suspended.

The new legislation reatroctively defines the term "candidate" in terms that would sustain Mrs.Gandhi's argument about herself and defines the term "resignation from service" in such a way that it would sustain her argument about Mr.Kapoor.

The legislation proposed disposes of the other charge as well. It permits an official to aid in a campaign if the aid is in the process of discharging his official duties. Mrs.Gandhi had pleaded that local officials who are supposed to have helped her were officially protecting the Prime Minister.

Parliament pass bill on constitution

New Delhi, July 31 (UNI): The Indian Parliament passed by 342 votes to one a Constitution Amendment Bill seeking to put beyond judicial scrutiny the "satisfaction" of the President in declaring emergency and the rdinance making powers of the president, Governors and administrators of centrally-ruled territories.

Replying to a three-hour debate in the Rajya Sabha (Lower House) on the 28th Constitution Amendment Bill, the Law Minister, H. R. Gokhale, said the amendment in no way intended or was meant to be "derogatory to the judiciary". There was no question of "offending or encroching" upon the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, he said.

Mr. Gokhale said declaration of emergency and promulagation of ordinance were matters essentially political in substance and so they should not be subjected to judicial scrutiny. This position had been upheld by the courts. Only the executive could assess the need of emergency. The very purpose of the emergency would be defeated if its declaration was to be taken to court.

Plan outlay raised

New Delhi, July 31 (UNI): The Planning Commission has fixed the annual Plan outlay for 1975-76 at Rs 59,780 million ($7,971 million), which is 23 percent or over Rs 11,000 million (1,467 million dollars) more than the Plan outlay for 1974-75.

Time bows out

NEW DELHI — Representatives of the New York Times signed the Indian government's censorship pledge, but Time magazine refused to do so and decided to pull out its visiting correspondent.

The major news organizations to sign the pledge were the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, The Associated Press, United Press International, Agence France-Presse and Reuters.

Organizations that refused to sign were TIME, Newsweek, the Washington Post, London Times, London Daily Telegraph and the BBC.

The government originally wanted foreign correspondents to sign an indertaking that they would "comply" with the censorship guidelines, which bar any effective reporting of opposition activities, even in Parliament (A.P).

Disruptive forces warned

New Delhi, July 28 (UNI): Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, has called for utmost vigilance against groups and forces which were working to weaken the country and undermine its integrity.

Addressing a meeting of anti-corruption and Central Bureau of Investigation officials here, she said the people had responded well to national emergency, proclaimed by the President on June 26 last. There was a great sense of discipline and general reduction in crime and anti-social activities, Mrs. Gandhi claimed.

She said corruption was a social evil which needed to be combated with utmost firmness. But the extent of corruption was deliberately being exaggerated to discredit Government and shake people's confidence in the country's political institutions.

Mrs. Gandhi was of the view that firm actions be taken to eliminate false allegations which were also a form of corruption when used as a political weapon.

Mrs. Gandhi justifies action

New Delhi, July 26 (UNI): The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi has said democratic liberty in India would have been jeopardised if the Government had "allowed the country to drift".

Replying to a cable from Dr. Benjamin Spock, an eminent American paediattrician Mrs. Gandhi said the Sarvodaya leader Mr. Jayaprakash Naraya, has for a long time carried on a campaign against the Government and "against me personally but we did not do anything to curb his movements or his free speech".

Mrs. Gandhi said Mr. Narayan, more recently, had aligned himself with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the organization which instigated Mahatma Gandhi's murder and which was "fanatically" hindu preaching discrimination against Muslim and Christian minorities.

At the same time, she said, Mr. Narayan encouraged the extreme left.

Mrs. Gandhi said neither of these groups has ever claimed belief in democracy. In his extreme anger and frustration at the lack of popular support, he (Mr. Narayan) called upon the army and the police to disobey orders.

"This is what compelled me to take the unpleasant decision (arresting him along with several opposition party leaders and workers). Democratic liberty in India is not jeopardised by the action that has been taken, but it would have been if we had permitted the country to drift," Mrs. Gandhi said.

Mrs. Gandhi, in her cable to Dr Spock, hoped that the Opposition would realise that in democracy the Government and the Opposition should let each other function.

Only one fourth arrests political

New Delhi, July 27 (UNI): The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, asserted that only one fourth of the arrests made in the wake of the emergency was political. The rest of the persons were already on the police lists. She said that the total number of arrests vis-a-vis the population of the country "is very meagre".

Addressing chief executives, general managers and trade union leaders of public sector fertiliser and drug plants, she said that if the government had not taken these "drastic steps" the country would not have survived.

Mrs. Gandhi spoke about the murder of one of her cabinet colleagues and the attempt on the life of Chief Justice A.N. Ray and said there were "deliberate attempts" to exploit the economic crisis. No opposition party ever gave the impression that it was disapproving these methods.

She said these parties had accused her of being a Hitler. But they did not know what was being "Hitlerite". "I know what it is. It is when a minority suddenly decides that it knows better than anybody else".

Western press hostile

New Delhi, July 27 (UNI): Two members of the Indian delegation to the recently concluded United Nations Conference for International Women's Year have urged Governmental and non-governmental agencies to see that the Mexico Declaration and the resolutions of the Conference arrived at after deep deliberations and solemn consideration become a living reality.

The members, Mrs. Parvati Krishnan, member of Parliament, Mrs. Shyamla Pappu, a senior advocate of the Supreme Court, have taken to task the western press for portraying the Conference "as something of a joke" and giving "a misleading and distorted picture of the proceedings".

In a statement, they said that instead of bringing out the important and salient achievements which were vital for the well being of mankind, reports had been carried to the effect that there was politicing and bickering among the delegations. "It is unfortunate that such wrong and misleading reports were published in the western press because in fact the Conference was earnest, purposeful and full of serious deliberations."

Kerala Jews well settled

New Delhi, July 25 (UNI): Jews from Kerala who emigrated to Israel have "adapted to Israeli conditions better than might have been expected", according to a sociologist.

The sociologist, Gulbert Kushner, makes the observation in his book "Immigrants from India in Israel" which studies a village of Cochin Jews situated in an infertile part of the Judean hill. These Jews had formed part of the exodus from India between 1953 to 1955.

Mr. Kushner says that in Kerala, the Jewish community subsisted in relative idleness, doing occasional petty trading and receiving handouts from the Synagogue. They were of poor physique and used to the soft South Indian climate. The chances of their becoming tough pioneering farmers was rated pretty slim.

Rich Mineral deposits in Goa

Calcutta, July 28 (UNI): An area of about 3,600 square kilometre along the coast of the south-western state of Goa is endowed with at least nine minerals important among them being iron-ore, manganese-ore bauxite and china clay, according to the Government-run Geological Survey of India.

A GSI source, said that in addition extensive deposits of high magnesia, limestone and minor occurences of pyrite, graphite, ilmenite, asbestos and steatite had enriched the territory.

The GSI during its investigations had located as many as 34 iron-ore bearing reserves in the territory and estimated the total ore deposites at 390 million tonnes. Out of total iron-ore deposits, 16 areas alone contained over 378 million tonnes, the sources added.

The remaining 18 deposits were smaller in size and contained a total deposit of about 12 million tonnes, comprising five million tonnes of powdery ores.

The richest iron-ore deposits have been located in north Goa while large and rich manganese mines have been found in South Goa.

The GSI had estimated about 4.7 million tonnes of maganese ores and black iron ores of all grades in the territory. The best manganese deposits were spotted in the southern parts while some moderate pockets of the ore were located in central Goa, the sources said.

Shah supports Mrs. Gandhi

Bombay, July 27 (UNI): Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi of Iran has said that the action of Prime Minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi's government in proclaiming national emergency on June 26 last would save India from being paralysed and fractured by anarchy.

In an interview with a popular Bombay weekly, the Shah said he comprehended the causes, sources and logic of the emergency and felt that the Indian people would understand, accept and decide the method used to secure the safety and interests of the country.

He said Parliament's endorsement of the measures adopted by the Indian government would provide the best guarantee that they would be successful and would benefit the people.

The Shah said though the freedom of the individual was to be respected "to maximum extent possible," no treason against the state could or would be allowed. The Indian people had similar convictions, and would accept the methods being used, he felt.

Flood havoc

New Delhi, July 29 (UNI): Army and Air Force personnel were pressed into service for rescue operations in the flood-affected areas of Jammu, Sambha and Pathankot of the northern states (provinces) of Jammu and Kashmir, and Punjab.

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Teaching shops galore in Madras

Madras, July 24 (UNI): Street corner teaching shops retailing English medium have sprung up all around the Madras city, due to the rising craze for English despite the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam government's efforts to tamilise school education.

These unrecognized schools purporting to prepare students on the All India Higher Secondary School pattern bear the garb of "High School" or "Higher Secondary School". But most of them run classes only from kinder garten to the sixth standard. They make fanciful claims of "being affiliated" or "to be affiliated" to the central board of Higher Secondary education in New Delhi, a UNI study shows.

In a bid to contain the mushrooming growth of unrecognized schools, the Tamil Nadu Government has ordered that no student should be admitted in a recognized schools beyond the sixth standard for further studies.

Many schools running on temporary sheds or dingy dwelling apartments thrive on fee revenue raning from Rs 300 ($40) to Rs 600 ($80) a year.

Most of the schools have no libraries, laboratories, play grounds or sanitation facilities, the basic amenities required in an educational institution.

Though education is a State (provincial) subject, the State Government has no control or supervision over the unrecognized schools as they do not seek any grant-in-aid.

According to the Tamil Nadu recognized Private Schools (Regulation) Bill 1972, no private school shall be established without the permission of the competent authority. But this bill is yet to be passed by the state legislature.

The Central Board of Secondary Education, which grants affiliation and conducts the All India Higher Secondary Examination also does not exercise any control over them as affiliation is necessary only from the ninth standard onwards.

Artificial rains in Madras

Madras, July 29 (UNI): Artificial rain making experiment has produced rains recently at Red Hills, Poondi and Thiruthani regions of the southern state (province) of Tamil Nadu, according to an official of the state agriculture department.

He told newsmen here that the cloud seeding had yielded 27 mm rain at Red Hills, the main source of Madras city's drinking water supply, 26 mm at Poondi and 42 mm at Thiruthani.

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Return to pre-emergency days unlikely

New Delhi, July 31 (UNI): Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi, told the Parliament that "there could be no return to the pre-emergency days of total licence and political permissiveness".

Intervening in the Lok Sabha (Lower House of Parliament) debate on the proclamation of national emergency, Mrs. Gandhi said "our actions are not against anybody - a person or party. Whatever we are doing is pro-something. It is pro-India, pro-Indian people and it is pro-directions and pro-future we have in view".

She appealed to the opposition to cooperate with the Government to implement its programmes.

Referring to the present situation, Mrs. Gandhi said the very fact that Parliament was summoned showed that democracy was functioning in India. The presence in the House of a large number of opposition members also made it evidence that not every one of them was under detention or behind the bars.

She said the Government's action was within the constitutional framework. It was motivated to preserve the constitution and safeguard democracy.

Kerala elections postponed

New Delhi, July 31 (UNI): Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi's cabinet decided to bring in legislation at the monsoon session of Parliament, beginning today, to extend the life of the Kerala Legislature by six months, beyond October 1975.

The five - year duration of the legislation envisaged in Article 172 of the constitution expires in October. The elections were expected to be held in September so as to bring into being a new legislature by October. These would now been postponed.

The proposed legislation will be in terms of the provision to Article 172 under which Parliament, during the operation of an emergency, may extend the life of a state legislature for a period not exceeding one year at a time and not extending in any case beyond a period of six months after the proclamation of emergency ceased to operate.

As a result of the elections in 1970, a coalition ministry was formed in Kerala. The main constituents being the Congress, the Communist Party of India and the Muslim League. The Ministry headed by Achutha Menon, CPI leader, is still in office.

This is the second time that the life of a state legislature is being extended by parliament, the previous one having been in the case of Orissa in 1965.

More arrests

Bombay, July 31 (UNI): Police claimed to have busted a racket in extorting money from Indians by offering them false promises of lucrative jobs in the Gulf countries.

A raid by officers of the CID (Crime Branch) on the office of a local firm, following a joint complaint by 94 persons to the police Commissioner resulted in the seizure of a number of receipt books called letter forms and other documents.

Police said the documents showed that over Rs 65,000 (8,666 dollars) had been received from the "clients" for services rendered.

The two men involved in the racket — T.N.C. Rao, Managing Director of the firm, and Dr. M. H. Ansari, Secretary of an Association for Indo-Arab Emigration and Friendship — are absconding, according to police.

The Prime Minister did not indicate when the emergency would be lifted but said there could be no relaxation of vigilance for the present. She said before asking when "normalcy" would be restored, the people should be clear as to what "normalcy" meant.

Mrs. Gandhi averred that there had been greater freedom of speech in India than in any other country.

She said in the peculiar conditions of India, a balance had to be struck between the political rights of the individual and the economic rights of the millions.

"We have to evolve a political system in which a right balance is struck between the two", she added.

No more right to liberty

NEW DELHI* July 30 — The ruling Congress Party voted approval of a bill removing any right to personal liberty for Indians and foreigners under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act.

The Congress majority in the Lower House — the opposition has withdrawn from the emergency parliamentary session in both Upper and Lower Houses — also approved another bill widening the Defence of India Rules. The arrest powers under both DIR and MISA have been used by the Government to detain opposition leaders and workers.

Under MISA bill, no detainees, including foreigners, have any right to personal liberty by virtue of natural law or common law.

The bill, retracing two ordinances promulgated by President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed on June 29 and July 15, prolongs the suspension of three sections of the constitution referring to fundamental rights. It now becomes law.

Home Minister Brahmananda Reddy told the Lower House the Government would keep a watchful eye that no officials acted in bad faith while enforcing the provisions of the bill. If they did they would be liable to action.

News agency silenced

NEW DELHI — The Government yesterday cut Associated Press lines connecting the New Delhi bureau with London and disconnected the telephone at the AP bureau.

The Government's chief ccensor, H. J. D'Penha, said the action was taken because AP had sent three stories since Friday that were interpreted by him to be violations of censorship guidelines.

He said the stories were about the arrest of Indian journalist Kuldip Nayar on Friday, the arrest Saturday of eight prominent citizens who threatened to defy the clampdown on freedom of the press and a report from Ahmedabad on critical remarks made by the local Government leader against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The official told bureau chief Myron Belkind he did not question the veracity of any of the reports but said the Government considered them "objectionable."

Meanwhile, seven of India's state assemblies ratified a constitutional amendment placing the state of emergency above challenge in the courts.

The amendment, already approved by both houses of the national Parliament, must be accepted by at least 12 of the 22 states to become law.

But with the Congress Party controlling most of the assemblies, ratification is regarded as a formality.

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The Congress Party majorities in most of the country's 22 states also brought ratification of a constitutional amendment which prevents any challenge in the Supreme Court on the reasons for which an emergency might be declared.

Another bill passed by the Lower House extended the duration of the present Kerala Legislative Assembly for six months. State elections were due in October.

The Minister of State for Law, Sarojini Mahishi, told Parliament it was difficult to conduct the elections to the state assembly under the emergency conditions.

Gujarat Protests

NEW DELHI — About 10,00 persons have demonstrated in the western Indian state of Gujarat in the first known mass protest against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's state of emergency decree.

Foreign correspondents returning from the scene said Sunday the mass rally in the state capital of Ahmedabad was one of a series of anti-government protests across Gujarat.

The reporters said Babubi Patel, the state's top official, addressed the demonstration and called for non-violent resistance to the state of emergency decree. (UPI)

In another development, family sources said Bhimsen Sachar, a former diplomat and a close associate of the late Mohandas Gandhi, was arrested in his home town of Jullundur.

Sachar, an octogenarian and a former leader of the Congress party in his home state of Punjab, recently urged Mrs. Gandhi to revoke the emergency and restore freedom of speech.

Indian news services also reported the arrest of Krishna Pal Pawar, the former Maharaja of Dvewas in the central state of Madhya Pradesh. He was accused of possessing an American-made transmitter. (UPI)

From palace to prison

NEW DELHI* July 31 — The Maharani of Jaipur, who has spent her life in bejeweled palaces, has been arrested on charges of violating India's foreign exchange and smuggling laws, the government said today.

And official announcement read to Parliament, of which 56-year-old Maharani Gayatri has been a member for a decade, said she was taken into custody Wednesday and imprisoned in New Delhi's Tihar jail.

The Maharani, who once had a reputation as one of the world's most beautiful women, joined more than a dozen other members of Parliament imprisoned since Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's proclamation last month of a national emergency.

The Maharani, however, was the first parliamentarian arrested on charges unrelated to political activities although she belongs to a conservative party opposed to Mrs. Gandhi.

The arrest came five months after government tax investigators discovered hoards of gold and jewels in her family's palaces in Jaipur, the fabled Pink City 150 miles south of New Delhi.

The government, in a statement to Parliament at the time, said more than $17 million worth of gold, silver, and other precious items had been uncovered in bank lockers, underground chambers and sealed rooms in the Jaipur palaces and homes of her family. (AP)

Emergency endorsed

New Delhi, July 31 (UNI): Parliament today set its seal of approval on the proclamation of national emergency with the Lok Sabha (Lower House of Parliament) endorsing it by 336 votes to 59.

The measure was approved by the Rajya Sabha (Upper House) at the end of a two-day debate.

In his reply to the 14-hour debate on the subject, Agriculture Minister Jagjivan Ram said "the restoration of the situation in which the emergency proclamation would become infructuous depends on the opposition parties".

He appealed to them to conduct themselves in such a way that even if the emergency proclamation remained on the statute book, its impact would not be felt.

Jagjivan Ram said the proclamation had helped to contain the dangers that were developing. The swift action of the Government had not only frustrated the plans of the opposition parties but had created a new sense of confidence in the people.

19 million births averted

Calcutta, July 29 (UNI): Family Planning programme in India has averted 18.7 million births till October last year by protecting 15.83 million reproductive couples since the beginning of the programme in the country.

According to the Family planning bureau, a total of 45.5 million births are expected to be averted by the end of 1996-97.

About 15 percent of the country's estimated 105.7 million reproductive couples use various methods of family planning. Some 12.16 million had been sterilised while 1.36 million use the IUCD and 2.29 million follow conventional contraceptive methods.

Among the states (provinces), Maharashtra maintained the top position for successive years by protecting 2.38 million reproductive couples during the period followed by Andhra Pradesh with 1.58 million couples and Tamil Nadu with 1.5 million couples.

The working of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, which came into force in all states except Jammu and Kashmir in 1972, is being examined to effect optimum results, the bureau said.

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DEMOCRACY or DICTATORSHIP

Pronouncements recently made by Mrs. Indira Gandhi, India's Prime Minister, give the impression that the days of undiluted democracy in India is probably over. What could follow is at best some form of democracy (guided democracy, one party democracy, etc.) or at worst one woman/man dictatorship -here again at one extreme a benevelent one or at the other a crazy one (Uganda's 'di Amin being the example). Chances for a Communist takeover are very slim at this point.

What should be one's attitude to any of these possible developments in India? A related question would be democracy sacrosanct, to be had at all costs?

At this stage of economic and social development in India, what India needs is a form of government that will assure the rapid economic and social development of India combined with a means of distributing the fruits of such development more equitably. Has democracy, as it existed in India since 1947 passed this test?

Some of the recent reports from India originating in non-governmental sources indicate that economic conditions in India are on the verge of rapid improvement as a result of the declaration of Emergency. Production seems to be gathering momentum- thanks to absence of strikes, the use of incentives provided, good rains and better morale. Are these developments temporary or illusory? If democracy could not deliver the goods, is it necessary to retain it just because it is the best system in another country?

An examination of the recent economic history of developing nations suggest that none of them made comparatively rapid progress in a setting of unadulterated kind of democracy. Taiwan, S.Korea and Pakistan are some of the examples.

Nor can it be said that dictatorship or some form of democracy is all that is needed. A dictatorship need neither be enlightened nor benevolent. Many dictatorships are corrupt, and power corrupts them even more. The problem under dictatorship is, for lack of an independent press, no one can really know what is going on. All one knows is what the dictator wants others to know.

The choice between these political systems are not as simple as it is often suggested to be. The question still remains: What is good for India and its 600 million people?

The question is not hat political system in India is good for the few thousand Indians in North America but what is good for the vast majority of Indians in India. Would our readers care to comment?

Photo showing the oath ceremony of the Shri B. J. Patel Chief Minister of Gujarat State by the Governor of Gujarat Shri K. K. Viswanathan.

Letters. . . .

Which judge died?

Concerning Mrs. Gandhi's coup, may I be allowed to invite attention to one element in her grand design? In order to keep down any disquiet that might be felt in the third world and the east European countries about her action, she has been assiduously suggesting that these are exclusively against right-wing groups who had conspired against her. This is hardly the case. Sh has been quite catholic in making her arrests: with the exception of members of the Moscow-lining Communist party of India, practically all other parties — that is, all those who dared to say that it would be decorous on her part to lay down office temporarily following the court judgement — have attracted her wrath. The extreme left-wing naxalites have of course been banned. But the arrested persons also include, besides several socialists, M. Basavapunniah, member of the politbureau of the Communist party of India (Marxist) — which is the largest opposition group in parliament — the secretaries of the Delhi and Andhra Pradesh units of the party, its principal parliamentary spokesman and hundreds of its middle-level cadres. News of their arrests has been deliberately suppressed.

The rigour of the press censorship is such that even though the Delhi edition of the Times of India mentioned on July 8th that the Allahabad high court adjourned on the 7th because of the recent death of Justice Jagmohan Lal, there is no way of checking whether the deceased is the Justice Jagmohan Lal Sinha whose judgement on June 12th unseated Mrs. Gandhi, or somebody else. And such is Mrs. Gandhi's solicitude for truth and democracy that, with this letter, I must have qualified for the midnight knock, or worse!

Ashok Mitra
Calcutta.

Democracy was threatened

Contrary to what the Western newsmen try to show, India's current political crisis has been caused by the irresponsible and immature behaviour of Indira's political enemies, namely, Socialist Party of India and their allies.

All along in her election dispute Indira Gandhi showed respect for law and judicial process. However, her adversaries appear determined to exploit both legal and illegal means to remove her from office. They took the matter to courts of law and now they also want to decide the issue on the streets. Their treasonous call for civil disobedience and mutiny, while Indira's case is sub-judice at appeal stage, exposes their insincerity toward due process of law.

The reason for the irresponsible attitude of Indira's political enemies is psychological. India's socialists and other political groups have suffered political frustration at elections for over two decades. Their faith in democratic process is no longer strong. And therein lies the real tragedy.

Indira Gandhi is not a threat to democracy in India. The real threat arises from the fact that after practising parliamentary system for a quarter of a century none of the opposition parties has improved its political stature to present itself to India's masses as a viable alternative to Indira Gandhi's ruling Congress party.

The so-called opposition front which was forged during the present crisis to oppose Indira is a loose alliance of politically and ideologically incongruous organizations. Its very leadership reflects its awkwardness and ill health. Jaya Parkash Narayan is an aged and unimaginative socialist, who has found a comrade in Morarji Desai, a dull and uncompromising reactionary of the right.

Supporting this unholy alliance are such ideological antipodes as the Maoists, the Jana Sang of fanatical Hindus, and a constantly directionless organization of religious fanatics among the Sikhs called the Akalis.

Clearly India needs more time in history to evolve and produce a sound opposition party. The ominous thing is that the evolutionary process that has been going on for twenty-five years is now jeopardized through the immaturity and impatience of India's socialists and their opportunistic allies.

Verily it is the political opponents of Indira Gandhi who are the villains against democracy in India.

HARKIRPAL SINGH SARA
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Sikhs and Sikhism

I would like to comment on the views of G.S. Thind and S. Burnaby as expressed in your paper, dated June 5, 1975 under the caption 'Sikhs and Sikhism'.

It is sad that some leaders in the Gurudwara of British Columbia stress a peculiar form of bowing and a peculiar way of dressing before Guru Granth. Covering heads, traditional bowing and greeting with both hands together is a humble way of paying respect to the Guru. This practice is common since the days of Guru Nank passed on to us by our ancestors.

They have challenged the validity of Sikh Rahit Maryada, formulated in 1945, after fourteen years of careful study by Sikhs from all over the globe. The guidelines were compiled democratically and is a marvellous piece of document establishing the Sikh identity. This constitution is not stagnant. It has been altered from time to time.

I am glad that these gentlemen believe in Guru Granth or Sikhism as per Guru Granth. It is threatening that they fail to understand it. There are numerous examples Guru Granth mentions the way of respecting holy men. To mention one here which is on lips of every Sikh individual is by Guru Arjan Dere, **"Dandaout Bandina Anik Bar Sarb Kala Samrath". Dandaout Bandina Is More Typical than our traditional bowing.**

There are numerous examples Guru Granth emphasize **"Kesha". "Sahaj Surat Dastar Sira"** - complete figure with turban on head is one to mention. Guru Gobind Singh re-emphasized **"Kesha"** a must for a Sikh besides other four K's.

Religion was made for man an not man for religion, true. This does not mean Sikhs in different countries should formulate their different Rahit Namas Suitable to them. Won't we end up with more than hundred Sects and Sub Sects? It will be a dynamic blow to the mere existance of Sikhs. There will be more factions. I fail to see their logic of reducing factions.

I have met hundreds of Sikhs in Canada in the Sikh Shape from all walks of life. Most of them immigrated in the last five years or so. The federal and the state governments are encouraging people to retain their cultures and thus enrich the mosaic. Canada is a democratic country where everybody has freedom to enjoy his/her own religion. I took my university education over here and since my arrival I have lived with Canadians. This is not a different world. What we need is to eradicate the inferiority complex from our mind.

Our Gurdawaras are the places where Gurmat is supposed to be preached. They should be in the hands of religious persons. Communists and others who are non-believers ss have no right to administer the affairs of religious people.

Let us uproot the casteism and other social evils from our community. Calling names won't do us any good. Let us keep Sikhism where it belongs. Let us have a thorough look inside ourselves rather than finding faults in the religion. Our God is formless, limitless and universal. Let us keep Sikhism universal.

Sadhu Singh Rikhraj
Toronto

Moghul monuments discovered

Chandigarh, July 31 (UNI): Some monuments belonging to the period of Mughal Emperor, Jahangir, have been unearthed at Sirhind in the north-western state of Punjab.

These structures, found during excavations by the Punjab Archaeological Department and the state Tourism Department in a Mughal garden known as "Amm Khas Bagh" in the old fort at Sirhind, mainly comprise a chamber, a palace with floral paintings engraved on its walls and a large well.

Periodicals banned

Bombay, July 31 (UNI): The Maharashtra Government has prohibited the sale or distribution of the issues, of one monthly and four weeklies which contain prejudicial reports as defined in the Defence and Internal Security of India Rules, 1971, an official press release said here.

The issues are (1) Mother India (English monthly) of July 1975, (2) "Vyadha" (Marathi Weekly) of July 2, 1975, (3) "Tejaswi" (Marathi weekly) of June 29, 1975, (4) Awami Awaz (Urdu weekly) of June 27, 1975, and (5) Panchayatraj (Marathi weekly) of June 28, 1975.

The Government has also declared the said issues and every copy of extract therefrom, to be forfeited to Government, it added.

Mrs. Gandhi seeks help from son

By Lewis Simons

Lewis Simons was expelled from Indian July 1 after three years of reporting there.

BANGKOK — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, distrustful of even her closest cabinet colleagues at this time of grave crisis for India, is turning to her controversial younger son, Sanjay, for help in making major political decisions.

Sanjay, 29, assisted his mother in deciding who among her political opponents should be arrested. Since then, Mrs. Gandhi has imposed a state of emergency and assumed dictatorial powers, and Sanjay is guiding her toward retaining power at any cost.

REAL POWER

Although he has no government or political position, he takes part in the daily meetings of her emergency council. Operating from the prime minister's office, he gives orders to cabinet ministers and top civil servants.

One man who had been a member of Mrs. Gandhi's so-called 'kitchen cabinet' shortly after she became prime minister said: "Sanjay is calling the shots now. The system is no longer functioning in this country. It's all Sanjay and his goons".

Sanjay came to his mother's side immediately after a high court judge convicted her June 12 of corrupt election practices and barred her from political office for six years, a verdict that is now under appeal.

According to critics of the prime minister and Sanjay, as well as to sources close to the family, Sanjay has become a millionaire in the last few years.

Critics charge that were it not for his mother, Sanjay would never have been granted government approval four years ago, when he was 25, to build a large Detroit-style plant for the manufacture of a small car he designed and called Maruti, "Son of the Wind God".

Critics also say that Sanjay would never have been been able to collect some $10 million to launch the project, in which his own investment is said to be about $1,500; nor would he have been allotted thousands of tons of scarce steel to build the plant, on 297 acres of superbly located farmland, at a bargain price, on which to construct it.

The car itself has still not appeared on the roads and there are signs that Sanjay has lost interest in it. Since the start of the current crisis, he no longer goes to the plant and his older brother, Rajiv, an Indian Airlines pilot, has taken his place there.

The question Indians have been asking for years is why a hard-nosed politician like Mrs. Gandhi has allowed the controversy around Sanjay and herself to continue.

The answer lies in the complex family relationship between Sanjay and his mother and in the prime minister's marriage to the late Feroze Gandhi and her extraordinarily close relationship with her father, former prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

A FAILURE

Feroze and Indira Gandhi were married in 1942. Seven years later, she left their home in Lucknow and, with Sanjay and Rajiv, moved into the prime minister's residence with her father. Feroze tried to live there with his family, but it did not work out and the marriage soon failed.

In her book, "We Nehrus", Indira's aunt, Krishna Hutheesing, wrote that Mrs. Gandhi's living with her father "was not a good arrangement from a family point of view and they (Indira and Feroze) finally drifted apart."

Soon after she became her father's hostess and began rising in the Congress party, Feroze, who was a member of Parliament, could not accept his wife's importance and he apparently resented being referred to mockingly as "the nation's son-in-law".

According to several couples in New Delhi who knew Feroze and Indira socially in those days, Sanjay suffered psychologically from the humiliation his father endured.

DARK RUMORS

An assessment of the son's role appeared in a biography of the prime minister published last year.

The late Krishan Bhatia wrote that "scandal over the activities of Indira's son Sanjay, the official favors he has allegedly received, and the wild, sometimes shocking rumors and gossip that surround him", have robbed his mother's name "of the lustre with which it shone in late 1971 and early 1972", after the Bangladesh war.

Over the years since the small car project's inception, Mrs. Gandhi has come under frequent fire in Parliament and the press for her involvement and her alleged attempts to whitewash the "scandal".

She has always responded by stoutly defending Sanjay, saying he won government approval on his own merits and that he was a model for other Indian youth. Through her party's overwhelming majority in Parliament, she has regularly managed to squelch debate.

More than 100 members of Parliament submitted a memorandum on allegations against the project. The memo was swiftly dismissed.

When asked about this last March, while testifying before the court at Allahabad that convicted her last month, Mrs. Gandhi said: "Each time the memorandum was carefully gone into and found devoid of substance."

Newspapers have given the Maruti controversy considerable attention, but the Indian press has done little actual investigative reporting.

A WARNING

Several months ago, when I approached a source who had unpublished information on the Maruti, he refused to discuss the issue. "It would surely get me thrown in jail and you thrown out of the country," he said.

The most concerted attempt to investigate the Maruti case was made over a period of years by The Motherland, the daily newspaper of the right-wing Jana Sangh party, which ceased publication after the party was banned.

Motherland editor K. R. Malkani was apprehended by police in the first wave of arrests on June 26. He is the only journalist known to be arrested.

In a five-part series entitled "Sanjay Gandhi's Super Scandals", which appeared in The Motherland in March, Mrs. Gandhi was admonished: "The prime minister's family must be above suspicion. The sudden wealth of her son Sanjay has roused many suspicions. As a first step toward removing these suspicions, the PM must ask her son to make his assets and income tax and wealth tax public."

Sanjay, short and slender, with handsome, even features and black, curly hair balding at the crown, gives the impression of being a pleasant, mild-mannered young man.

A few months ago, he married a teenager whom friends describe as a "teeny bopper". The young couple live with Mrs. Gandhi in the spacious prime minister's residence.

Unlike others of his age and class, who dress in the latest European styles, he affects simple, white homespun cotton pajamas, even in his office at the Maruti plant.

Yet he is obviously tough-minded. Until he recently began appearing at his mother's side during rallies intended to win popular support for her, he stayed out of the limelight.

TIME POST NEWS SERVICE

Journalist Nayar arrested

NEW DELHI July 21 — The Indian Govt., continuing its crackdown on dissidents, arrested Kuldip Nayar, who is one of the country's most prominent journalists.

Mr. Nayar, who is a senior editor at the Indian Express, the country's largest English language daily, was one of the few journalists arrested so far in the four weeks since the Govt. declared a state of emergency to cope with what it called threats to internal security.

"We don't know why they wanted him," his wife said yesterday afternoon. "The policemen who came were very polite, but they didn't say any reason."

Mrs. Nayar's account painted a characteristic picture of how the Government has behaved in the arrest of the most prominent of the people under detention.

"The police came very early in the morning — about 6 o'clock, I should say. But then they very courteously allowed him as much time as he liked to bathe and dress, and have breakfast, perhaps an hour in all."

According to some reports, Mr. Nayar had been active in the organization of anti-government demonstrations that dissidents have called for, which will be one month to the day after the Government assumed sweeping emergency powers and suspended many civil liberties.

Demonstrations are illegal under the emergency, but they are nevertheless expected to take place, at least in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, the only two states whose Governments are not in the control of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress Party.

Mr. Nayar, who was a press secretary to former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri was also the author of a recent book that unfavorably compared the achievements of Mr. Shastri and Mrs. Gandhi with those of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal

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Indian dissidents enter Nepal

Hundreds and perhaps thousands of Indian dissidents have been pouring over the long, open border with Nepal in the month since Mrs. Gandhi's political crackdown. The most wanted man among them is said to be Nanaji Deshmukh, leader of the banned paramilitary wing of the Hindu nationalist party, the Jana Sangh, and secretary of the anti-Gandhi campaign committee which was formed the day before India's emergency was declared. He is reported to have taken shelter in a village near Birgani, a small commercial border town. Another prominent refugee whose escape was reported in Nepalese newspapers is the former chief minister of neighbouring Bihar state, Karpoori Thakur, a leader of the opposition Bharatiya Lok Dal party.

The Nepalese government is far from happy about the influx and has publicly declared that what is happening in India is India's own affair. It has imposed a kind of censorship on the Nepalese press, instructing editors not to publish anything which might jeopardise relations with India. But it can do very little to prevent the unwanted visitors from arriving, both because the 1,000-mile border is virtually impossible to control and because a treaty with India gives Indians the right of free entry into Nepal and free movement within it.

Many Nepalis, including royalists who have been sharply critical of India's democracy in the past, are now expressing open criticism of Mrs. Gandhi, largely because they believe that the emergency will strengthen Russia's hand in India and thus bring a danger to their own door. But some of the Nepalese politicians who had been pressing hardest for a democratic reform of Nepal's own political system have suddenly, under the impact of India's changes, retreated to a wholly conservative line.

(THE ECONOMIST)

Book Review

Speaking of Siva

By F. Assisi

Poet, Grammarian, and Professor of Dravidian studies in the Department of South Asian Studies at the University of Chicago, A. K. Ramanjuan has brought out a book of stunning lyrics translated from the original Kannada Vacanas of four medieval saints from Southern India.

All the lyrics have the common theme of Siva: they speak of Siva and speak to Siva, hence the title. These vacanas should not be construed as Bhajans or Bhakti lyrics of the type sung by Meera or Kabir or Tyagaraja. They are all suffused with Bhakti no doubt, but what we encounter here is a most thrilling combination of Bhakti, Protest, and Passion. They are radical protest songs that are of the earth, earthy.

Ramanujan's translations from the Calssical Tamil (The Interior Landscape), Kannada and Malayalam have been widely published in India, the United States, Canada and Britain. What is more significant is that he is a poet in his own right and has to his credit many sensitive lyrics in English and Kannada.

Ramanujan's introduction to the volume is a scholarly survey of medieval Hinduism in Southern India especially with reference to Virasaivism. Says the author, 'The Virasaiva movement was a social upheaval by and for the poor, the low caste and the outcaste against the rich and privileged; it was a rising of the unlettered against the literate pundit, flesh and blood against stone.'

What struck me most is the spontaneity, passion and lyricism enshrined in these songs. It is oral poetry at its best and finest hour in India. Perhaps the Bauls of Bengal and Rabingranath Tagore have come nearest to these vacanas.

Ramanujan's translations are a labour of love and scholarship. He introduces each of the poet saints Basvanna, Dasimayya, Mahadeviyakka, and Prabhu with details of their personal history and a survey of the socio-political trend of the times. His notes to the poems are rich with information on images, convention, ambiguities, subtleties of form or meaning in the Kannada original which the English translation cannot quite convey. The remarkable thing is that Ramanujan has remained true to the spirit and the letter of these vacanas. If it were not for his skill and sensitivity as a poet and depth of his scholarship, this is the sort of venture that could esily have floundered on a surfeit of words.

Anthropologists like Milton Singer and M.N.Srinivas have been classifying the traditions of India into somewhat watertight compartments like 'Great and Little tradition', Sanskritic and nonsanskritic, Marga and Desi, Classical and Folk. But the tradition of the vacanakaras clearly defies codification. The vacanas embody the entire pan-Indian tradition, both classical and folk. And the themes are modern to a most unusual degree, despite the continuous thread of an intensely religious vein.

We have encountered Siva as Nataraja and Dakshinamurti in Indian Art. In a similar fashion, and more humanly, we come face to face with Siva in these lyrics as Kudala Sangamadeva (Lord of the meeting rivers), Cennamallikarjuna (Lord white as Jasmine), Guhesvara (Lord of the caves) and Ramanatha.

Ramanujan's translation opened to me visions of Siva conceived as Ishtadevata in a cry of spontaneity.

The book ends with two appendixes, one on Virasaiva religious philosophy by Ramanujan and one on contemporary Lingayat community by the noted anthropologist William McCormick. The book has been accepted in the Indian Translations Series by UNESCO.

Flood ravages six states

New Delhi, July 31 (UNI): The fury of floods raged unabated submerging hundreds of villages, destroying vast areas of standing crops and snapping rail and road communications in six states in northern and eastern parts of India.

Torrential rains lashed most parts of Assam, Orissa, Rajasthan, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh, welling the turbulent rivers to a devastating crescendo.

Don't slam the door

By Gurcharan Rampuri

It is a well known fact that the people from the third-world-countries never had a very fair deal in the matter of immigration to Canada for a long time. For the first time in 1967 a policy, which was comparatively non-discriminatory, at the face, was adopted. Naturally that resulted in an increase in immigration from some of these countries. But when you consider the reality that even today the estimates of the total population of immigrants and their descendants from India in Canada vary from 70,000 to 100,000 which is even less than 0.4 percent, the amount of the alarmist noises made is out of all proportions and totally unjustified. But this is nothing new about the immigrant workers. In economic depression you always hear similar utterances in Sweden, Germany etc. against the migrant labour from Italy, Yugoslavia, Turkey and other countries, though they all are white.

'Nobody can deny the fact that foreign cultures, European and non-European have enriched this country. Our Immigration Minister, himself is a son of a Hungarian immigrant.

Immigrants bring their skills, urge to work hard to go ahead and some different approach to life itself. For example the joint family system in many countries is much more alive than it is on the North American continent. The percetage of broken homes there is much less than the national average here.

Immigrants contribute to the economy being producers as well as consumers. They rent or buy houses. Immigrants from India, for example, having bigger proportion of people of working age, pay taxes double the national average.

As 'TIME' notes there is ample evidence that most immigrants are both appreciated and appreciative in their new country. According to an official at the University of New Brunswick, "Asians now teaching in the province have filled a very real need and we are happy to have them."

It is likely that under racist pressures some other KHORANA may be excluded who could have brought a Nobel Prize to Canada.

Morever some of the Green Paper statistics of immigration from Asian and Caribean countries in 1973-74 are a bit misleading beacuse they include many people who came as visitors to Canada since 1970 onwards and were given immigrant status under the general amnesty offered by the immigration department enmass very recently under the relaxed rules.

If the statements already referred to are an indication it is greatly feared that a more restrictive policy is in the offing.

But the declaration, by the responsible Ministers of the Federal Government that the immigration policy of the country is and will be based on universality is a reassuring sign.

It is hoped that the reality will reflect this ideal. Historically there have been many inequities in the past of which I may like to point out a few as follows:

1. As already pointed out the third world consists of 70 percent of humanity but the numb Canadian Immigration Offices in these countries are less than 25 percent while the rest 75 percent are in Europe which holds only 13 percent of the world population in practice this results in nothing but discrimination.

2. Some of our Immigration offices abroad play all kinds of bureaucratic tricks to make the cases linger on for years. The resulting delays are unjust and frustrating. To illustrate my point I note a few typical cases below.

Case	Date of Application	Date of Rejection	Date of Appeal Reminder	Date of Approval
A	April 1966	June 1967	Oct. 1967	Nov. 1968
B	Nov. 1967	May 1969	April 1968	Dec. 1969

TOTALLY FALSE

In another case, the prospective immigrant was interviewed and told that he has secured necessary points so will be called for the medical examination. He and the nominator waited for more than six months before they represented. The immigration department informed the nominator in writing that the prospective immigrant has withdrawn his application. **This was totally false.** When this statement was challenged, no direct answer was given. Rather the applicant was again called for interview after nine months of the first interview. Then he and his family had to wait for another six months before being medically examined. Then department started asking for some additional certificates, one or two at a time, with long periods in between, which resulted in the invalidation of the medical examination. The whole family was again asked to go for a medial check up after another eight months. This meant fat fees of doctors to be paid by the applicant. Then the applicant and nominator were informed that the application has become two year old so has been cancelled. They should apply again. They did that, because they did not have any other choice. This case is in the personal knowledge of Mr. Andras, the Honourable Minister of Immigration Ottawa. This is the state of affairs in our embassies abroad inspite of his personal intervention.

The Image of our Country projected by the treatment of the people abroad can be well imagined. It is doubtful that the hundred of millins of dollars spent abroad through Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) can be of any use after that treatment given to those people.

If an investigation is made to find out the average length of time it takes for the applicants to clear and get visas in Asian countries and compare the same with average time taken in the European Capitals, it may reveal some very shocking truth.

Any law is as good as it is administered. You can have a great law and bureaucracy administering it can very easily make the mockery of it. They can even produce an effect opposite the original intent.

For the person who is hurt, it does not matter how just and fair were the 'intentions' of the law-makers. Only fact he knows is that the bureaucrats have the powers to give the people a tragic run-around and politicians have appointed them to be as such.

Justice delayed is justice denied. There are nearly 20 Certificates which are demanded not all at a time. They are asked for, only one or more at a time, with well-spaced periods. This results in frustrating delays and breeds corruption at different levels of the society The racketeer is always present where the law provides him with the loop hole.

Even the influx of the visitors to this country in the past few years was partly a direct result of these unwarranted delays in our immigration offices abroad. The same people, while in Canada could secure the requisite points and pass the medical tests without such unjustified delays. Also they had a recourse to appeal any rejection here while this opportunity is not available abroad. If these dealys in our offices abroad are eliminated, the wind will be taken out of the sails of many future racketeers.

3. The immigrants from some European countries are offered loans for travelling to Canada. But no such facility is provided in other countries.

4. As far as new change in the rules to prefer applicants with the job letter are conerned, who is going to be ready to give an employment letter to anybody without interviewing the person? So, naturally, it discriminates in favour of the people from USA who can cross the border, have an interview with the employer, get a job letter, go back and apply. The same is true, though to a lesser extent, about the people from UK and Europe. But this is impossible for the people from Asian or African countries. Moreover which of the employers can wait for months or years after giving a job letter. Is it realistic?

This practically gives another loop-hole to the unscrupulous racketeers from here and abroad to skin many unfortunate people wishing to immigrate. There can be a flourishing trade in these letters. Some bogus firms will crop up overnight and sell letters-of-employment for fantastic payments. I have heard of some people who have already started this business. So if the Canadian Government does not want more cases of "slave trade" at hand to deal with, the new rule should be rescinded forthwith.

CITIES

As far as the undesirable growth of the metropolitan cities is concerned, there is no doubt that the people will go where the jobs are. Th only way out is to diversify the industrial growth by building new towns away from the present big cities. Even now you can find people from India working in most of the places far up North.

Now about the quota system proposal. This proposition raises more questions than it answers:

1. Will the quota be based on the population of the Country from where the immigrants are to come?

2. Will it be based on the average number of applications received in the certain countries in the past?

If the arbitrary assessment powers of the immigration officers are rationalized, the present point system of selection is relatively more equitable and should be continued but its working in all the countries should be made equally fair.

As far as the total yearly immigration is concerned it is suggested that only the overall total number of immigrants to be allowed in the country should be decided by the government for the coming years. No matter where the suitable people are found, they should be allowed to immigrate. That is the only way to achieve the goal of having a universally fair and humane immigration policy.

In the end I like to quote Maruice Strong, the Canadian who heads the Nairobi-based United Nations environment program. He says, "Canadians must now face the prospect of having to defend before the world their continued right to exclusive soveriegnty over a disproportionate share of the world's territory and resources". He suggests further that "Canada's resources may well be subjected to challenge when people around the world are starving and dying".

Even without that prospect, there would be something demanding in the spectacle of a wealthy nation built by immigrants, and still incomplete, slamming its door to the world.

Journalist Nayar arrested

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Nehru, who was Mrs. Gandhi's father.

Another possible reason for his arrest was his association with the Times, whom he serves as a part time correspondent.

Following the expulsion of Peter Hazelhurst, a regular staff correspondent of the Times, Mr. Nayar has filed at least two dispatches to the Times in London, his wife said.

The Government, which has been rigorously censoring domestic newspapers since the emergency began, started getting tougher this week with representatives of foreign newspapers, urging them to sign pledges to follow a system of rigid self-censorship.

On Thursday night it ordered the explusion of Daniel Southerland of the Christian Science Monitor, the fifth Western correspondent served with a deportation paper in the current political crisis. But yesterday, after Mr. Southerland agreed to sign the pledge, the order was rescinded.

Meanwhile, the Govt. announced it was extending this week's emergency session of parliament to enable it to complete pending government business.

Home Minister Brahmananda Reddy moved a bill amending the Maintenance of Internal Security Act under which many of the politicians had been arrested.

He told the Lower House that in the interests of national security it had become necessary to prohibit the release on bail of those arrested under the act.

The Government has said that most of the thousands of arrests across the country after the emergency was declared were not made under the act but for breaches of other laws.

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A look at the green paper from Holland

By Leila Nair

OVER-ADAPTABILITY

But in eschewing force, we don't have to throw in self respect and integrity as well. In the longitudinal survey Three Years in Canada, Table 11.11 gives the percentage of Indians at home in Canada at 70, attached to their country of origin 4 and undecided 26. I can readily believe that 70 percent of Indians are quite at home in Canada. But 4 percent attached to their country of origin? Could it be that in all my eight years in Canada I came across the same four out of hundred wherever I went? Because I have yet to know the Indian in Canada who is not attached to his country of origin. In the first place, whoever thought up being at home in a country of adoption, and being attached to the country of origin, as mutually exclusive states of mind has scant knowledge of immigrant psychology. Is it possible that the surveyed could not educate the surveyors? Whatever the case, one cannot help but see in those figures an over anxiety to please, to seem to conform — a desire to be accepted, even at the expense of self denial, verbally. Deeds are quite another matter altogether. No Indian can ever be charged with over-adeptability. In fact we would be a whole sight better off if we did try to conform wherever possible and made lesser claims on rubber stamp uniformity.

Lets face it. We are coloured, we are novel and distinctive in Canada, we have a culture that is not only different from the traditional flows that Canada has known, but a culture that has remained unique through human history. And what is more, we have no intention of renouncing it, even if we could, nor are we averse to absorbing facets of any other culture current in Canada that may be particularly appealing. And, on an honest to goodness basis, it is pretty certain that on any kind of survey on first generation immigrants we would be virtually unanimous in the Canada claims our loyalty and India our affection with a good deal of overlapping both ways. If the rest of Canada feels called upon to make extravagant demands on their resilience to live along with us, well, it's just too bad. All that we can do, now that we are already here, is to dig our heels in, and find that extra resilience ourselves to fill the gap as and when required. Encouraging supercilious attitudes and patronage can only prove self defeating in the long run, and not worth the frustrations involved.

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In its policy perspectives, the Green paper states that the level of education in Indian immigrants has fallen in recent years, and that since 1969, 95 percent have come in under the sponsored and nominated categories. Once again quoting the diatribe of Canada's non-distinctive citizen Doug Collins in the Vancouver Sun, "Under this dispensation (Present policy) people already landed — they need not be citizens — can 'nominate' not only dependent relations, but distant ones. They can cause to be put into a favourable position for entry countless grand parents, grand children, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, children who are already adults in their own right and for all I know fourth and fifth cousins. To read the list... is like reading one of those 'begat' passages in the Bible..." It would apear that not all he knows is all the story. All the same, conditions what they are, attitudes what they are, would we not serve our dependents better by maintaining them in India rather than in Canada? The dollar may not go as far as it used to, but it still goes further in India than in Canada. A dependent, not educationally qualified to command respect on his own steam, may enjoy a far more wholesome, if less colourful, life in India, than he could ever have on a second class citizenship here. In fact with no extra financial strain than of supporting them here to basic needs and an inferiority complex, dependents of the extended family could be supported at exclusive schools or technical and professional institutions in India to their decided advantage. If ultimately they did emigrate, they would be better equipped and conditioned to stand up for their own rights.

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A tale from Bangladesh

The king and barber

Re-told by Devajit Chakravarty, Age 14 years.

Once upon a time there was a king who loved to hear and listen to children's stories. So, he spread the news that if anyone could please the king with his or her story, the king would give him or her half of his kingdom. But if they could not please him they would lose their ears.

People from all over the kingdom came to tell stories to the king, but as soon as the story was over the king always asked "then what?" the people naturally could not tell a story after it had been finished, therefore they all lost their ears.

Now, in that kingdom there was a certain barber , who thought, oh! half the kingdom for me! If I could only keep the story long enough to satisfy the king. So he dressed up, put new grease on his hair and moustach and began to think. "What can I lose beside my ear? And even if I don't win I will still get to see the king in person! And if I do, gaining half this kingdom would not be too bad". So he made up his mind and left for the king's palace.

On the way to the king's chambers he saw many people coming out with their ears cut off, and crying their eyes out.

So the barber, although scared, acted to be brave and shouted out to the guard, "Hey guard go tell the king that another person has come to tell his majesty a story."

So the guard went to the king and introduced the barber. The barber was allowed to enter, and so the king asked him to tell his story. So the barber began.

Once upon a time in a kingdom many miles from here, there was a king. His kingdom was huge, and it was also flat. It was so huge and flat, that if you stod on the highest tower in the kingdom and look in any direction , you could not see the end of the kingdom it was many miles beyond the horizon. It took a traveller six months to cross the kingdom by horse-back", "And then what?" The king asked. "And then, of course the people knew about this so the Christmas letters would be all written up and mailed in the month of August." "And then what ?" "Now one day the king thought I have a huge kingdom which is very flat, and I do get a lot of rain here, so why don't I order the people to grow only rice here. That way I can make tons of money. So the next day the king ordered all the people to grow nothing but rice. There would be no forests because they needed that room to grow rice.

So every farmer in the kingdom was growing rice." "And then what?" "Soon there was so much rice that the rice had to put into one giant, titanic, huge, gross bin. A rice bin that was. The bin was so high that the men who worked on its very top had to take cold towels up because they would have nose bleeeds because of the altitude. And it was so wide that it would take four days just to walk around it. Now, also in this giant kingdom they had millions and billions and trillions of swarms of locusts", "And then what?"

"And then, all these locusts heard about this titanic bin filled with rice. So they started off for it. There were so many locusts that, formed together, that the sun's rays were blocked out by their swarming number. When the people went to breathe they sucked in hundreds of locusts by inhalation. Finally all the locusts reached the bin. They looked all around for a possible entrance but could not find any." "And then what?"

"And then, one of the locusts saw a hole in the side of the bin. So he called out to his comorades, "Hey you guys look here." So all the locusts saw the hole and all dived for it." "And then what?"

"And then, after they saw that all of them could not get in there at one time, they decided that the fattest locust would go in there, since if he does not get stuck in the hole, no one would. So after tremendous pushing and shoving he slipped through". "And then?"

And then the next one". "And then?", "The next one" "And then?" "The next one".

So, everytime the king said "and then?" the barber said "The next one". They both stubbornly continued, until that evening, and then two nights after that. Every time the king asked "and then?" the answer was the "the next one". Finally on the third day, the king was exhausted and asked "How longer does it go?" The barber answered, "Oh! the story is just starting!" After hearing this the king said, "All right, I give up. I will give you half my kingdom".

And so, the barber, naturally very happy then, lived happily ever after.

A look at green paper from Holland

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satisfying social and emotional equanimity are becoming more and more remote. The custom of the joint family living together is dying out even in India. But the idea of the extended family responsibility is one of the assets of Indian culture that it would be a pity to lose. Responsibility for the support of dependents could be assumed without bringing about their physical presence when it cannot in any true sense of the word, be to their advantage. Colour TV and an automatic gear shift are very desirable accessories in themselves, but they make poor substitutes for self respect and a sense of belonging.

NUCLEAR FAMILY

Those days life in India takes on all the sophistication of the western world if one has the wherewithall to place oneself among the privileged few. India's per capita income may be ridiculously low, but as far as consumer goods go the country offers the entire gamut of life styles from the begging bowl to gleaming floors and push buttons. As one who has sampled life in both countries in recent years I have no hesitation in voting Canada for job satisfaction and India for any other kind of satisfaction that rises above a cake-mix. Admittedly Canadian dollars make the savouring of Indian life easier and pleasanter and it is very difficult to make the rupee itself compete for the conveniences of modern living. If those who come here bring with them enough skills and qualifications, and no more than their nuclear family and discharge their extended responsibilities in India itself the next happiness and well being would be infinitely more than of nominating ill-equipped immigrants into Canada for the pleasure of basking in white patronage at best, and militant hostility at the worst.

Films

Umar Qaid

Directed by Sikander Khanna
Produced by V. K. Sobti

Technically, **Umar Qaid**, Sikander Khanna's second directorial attempt is as slick as was his first, **Prabhat**. But for its treatment **Prabhat** did not boast of any new theme: hooking an innocent, simple village girl into the oldest profession of the world and keeping her bound, through crooked methods, in the fallen-angel chains. This theme had a novel angle to it: the revolt of her pimp-husband against the wily brothel-keepers. Arjan Dev Rashak's dialogue and tight screenplay made it a spicy spectacle with some moralistic tinge. The naming of its two leading characters as Rama and Sita made it a controversial one too. The result was that Ram Dayal, its producer, had to make changes in the soundtrack to pacify the religious fanatics cum-agitators.

Umar Qaid (Life Imprisonment) as the name specifies is about jail-birds. The depiction of the jail-life has shades in it of the West German film **Brutalization of Bruno Blum**, shown at this year's International Film Festival in Delhi—a tough jail bird establishes through brutal violence his overlordship over co-convicts. The over-lord, an old jail hand, has been framed by his adversaries on a trumped up charge. Earlier for the actual murder of his sister's rapist another person, an honest duty-conscious police officer, is convicted. The two become friends. The jailbird vows that he would find out the real murderer to set the innocent free without knowing that he is vowing against himself. He escapes from the jail along with the others. A sense of justice and fairness dawns on him when the truth is revealed and he sacrifices himself to save the innocent.

A rest of the stock is cliche-ridden yet the overall filmic effect is novel. A wrong person is nabbed as the killer, the tough jail-bird rebels against his boss at being wronged. The tough one has a heart of gold, the convicted police officer's sister seeks employment with the smuggler, her younger brother gives up schooling and takes to shoe-shinning to eke out a living, a philosophic-sounding old convict lingers in the jail and so on. The romance between the young love birds has the fantasy of "a thousand dreams and one kiss", and is picturized in some unusual angels. The shots with the sun rising in the background are skillfully photographed.

Sunil Dutt as the hardened jailbird ex- "s every ounce of his talent to repeat the character he has become synonymous for. Vinod Mehra acts the soft police officer convicted wrongly. Mousumi Chatterjee adds a glamorous touch while for the exotic element there is Reena Roy as the carbaret girl. Among the top-star cast are Jeetendra, Asrani, Dev Kumar, Anju Mahendru, Om Shivpuri.

The jail in **Umar Qaid** must be the only centrally heated one in India. The convicts wear simple cotton kurtas and pyjamas , but when three of them escape they run into miles and miles of snow-bound territory. We are shown that a blind girl cannot only sew and stitch but can distinguish colours too: she must be endowed with extrasensory powers. An honest-to-the-bones police officer is arrested and convicted without his even offering a viable defence. The convicts have a run of the jail without any jail officer interfering in their fights, comic interludes and song sequences.

The rape scene's montage is overdone. In many scenes the characters burst into loud shouting at each other without as much as an excuse. Sikander Khanna did not give that liberty to his cast in **Prabhat**. The **Phanjoda Bhak Bhai** song number is patterned on a folk tune and beautifully sung and picturized.

DARSHAK

There are a few things you should know about the rent increase limit.

THE RULES:

- Effective January 1, 1975, residential rent increases are limited to 10.6% of the rent presently being charged. This rule applies to any dwelling containing two or more rented units, and will be administered by the Rent Review Commission. The rule also applies to single family dwellings.
- Tenants can legally refuse to pay any rent increase over the 10.6% limit, subject to the exceptions specified in the legislation. Tenants cannot be evicted for non payment of illegal rent increases.
- There must be at least a twelve month interval between one rent increase and the next, and tenants must be given at least three months' notice of any rent increase.
- Notice of Rent Increase forms, supplied to landlords by the Rent Review Commission, must be used. These are the only valid forms for notice of any residential rent increase.

Questions relating to landlord-tenant matters other than rent increases should be directed to the Office of the Rentalsman, 525 Seymour Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3H7. Telephone: 689-0811. Out of town, call collect.

SOME EXCEPTIONS:

- Half a duplex, when the owner lives in the other half (or basement suite, when the owner lives in the remainder of the house) is exempt from the 10.6% limit.
- Certain major renovations may entitle an owner to increase rents over the 10.6% limit. These improvements must have been started since May 3, 1974, and do not include normal maintenance and repairs. Landlords may consult the Rent Review Commission for details, particularly if planning renovations which might justify rent increases.
- Residential premises, except mobile home pads, being rented for the first time on or after January 1, 1974, are exempt from the 10.6% rent increase limit for a period of five years.
- Premises renting for more than $500 per month are exempt from the 10.6% increase limit.
- Mobile home pad rent increases may exceed 10.6%, but only if prior approval is received from the Rent Review Commission.

A brochure titled *The Rent Increase Limit and its Exceptions* is available upon request, from the Rent Review Commission office, or from your nearest Government Agent office.

If you have questions about residential rent increases, contact the
Rent Review Commission
P.O. Box 9600,
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 4G4
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Conference on third world immigrants to be held

An interdisciplinary conference on multiculturalism in Canada is to be held in Edmonton, Alberta from September 3-6.

The conference will be addressed by Senator Paul Zuzyk, Lincoln Alexander M.P., Arthur J. Lee M.P., William Hawselak, Mayer of Edmonton and Bert Hohol, Minister in Alberta Government.

The conference organized at the initiative of Dr. G. S. Paul of Univeristy of Alberta will be attended by many people of Indian origin. Prof. Paul is to present two papers. They are: "Postwar Immigration Policies and Third World Immigration to Canada" and "Selected Demographic Comparisons of European and Third World Immigrants in Canada since World War II". Dr. R. D'Costa of University of Ottawa ("A Demographic Profile of Third World Immigrants"), Dr. P. Krishnan of University of Alberta ("Some Projections on Third World Immigrants during the '70's and early '80's"), Dr. S.M.A. Hameed, University of Alberta ("Racial Factors in Management Hiring Practices") and Dr. B. K. Sinha, University of Alberta ("Selected Adjustment Factors Influencing Third World Immigrants in Canada") are presenting papers.

Dr. (Mrs.) M. K. Paul of University of Alberta will chair the session on "The Role of Women in Multicultural Society" and Dr. T. J. Samuel, President Canadian Multicultural Council, Ottawa will chair a session on "Some Empirical Findings". Dr. Nanda Chowdhary of Univeristy of Toronto is the discussant of the session, 'Labour Market Absorption of Third World Immigrants'.

The registration fee for the conference is $25.00 which includes a banquet on September 4. If interested in attending, send your name, and address to Dr. G. S. Paul or Dr. S. M. A. Hameed, Univeristy of Alberta, Edmonton, T6G 2H4 along with the registration fee.

Mishra assailant arrested

Patna, July 31 (UNI): The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) claims to have arrested the main culprit described as the "brain" behind the Samastipur bomb blast which killed former Railway Minister Lalit Narayan Mishra.

According to informed sources, the CBI agents arrested the man in Delhi a few days ago.

The CBI has come to the conclusion that a group of workers belonging to the outlawed Anand Marg was responsible for the bomb blast at Samastipur in the north-eastern state of Bihar on January 2.

The sources said the CBI had started a country wide hunt for the man who threw a powerful bomb at the dias at which Mr. Mishra was present among others.

Meanwhile, two more persons alleged to be members of the Anand Marg have been arrested in connection with the attempt on the life of the Chief Justice of India, A. N. Ray. This brings the total number of arrests in this connection to six.

Informed sources said the wanted persons were arrested by a team of CBI agents and they were being taken to Delhi in a day or two.

The sources said the Marg had set up a cell in the organisation to commit outrage on political and other important personalities in the country.

First who's who directory

America's first ever Who's Who directory listing Indians by their profession is now under compilation and is expected to be published by fall 1975, a group of dedicated, community minded Indians, headed by Mahendra Doshi, are undertaking this huge, ambitious project that once published will be of enormous use to the Indian community of the U.S.A. and Canada.

This group, under the auspice of Who's Who Among Indian Immigrants in North America, Inc. is rending out invitations to Indians all over the USA and Canada for joining Who's Who directory, which will list Indians' bio-data and related information by profession. There is also a provision for photographs in case anyone wants his picture in the directory. This directory will also provide encyclopaedic information regarding Indians business, social, cultural, religious activities, visa requirements, how to start small industries, what are the formalities of becoming citizens various articles on immigration etc. According to Mr. Mahendra Doshi, its executive editor, the directory will be such a compendium of information that it will serve many purposes. It will serve as a useful guide in businesses and civic and service organizations.

The last date for entry in Who's Who directory is August 31, 1975. The directory is expected to be published by October, 1975, so, if you are interested, hurry up. Call or write: The Authorized Representative in Canada is Bimal Swami, the Donway East Apt. D8 Donmills, Toronto, Ontario, M3C 1X7, Tel. (416) 447-1227.

New medical examination

Bangalore, July 31 (UNI): The Indian Academy of Medical Sciences (IAMS) will introduce from the next academic year an entirely new system of examination leading to the award of Membership of the Academic of Medical Sciences (MAMS).

The examination, for which recognition by the Central Govt. and the Medical Council of India, is expected shortly will be a "breakthrough" in medical education and research in the country, IAMS President S. Padmavathi told UNI.

She said the new examination would be "drastically different" from the one which had been conducted by the IAMS since 1967.

Who's Who Directory

The last date for entry in Who's Who Among Indians Directory is very near. If you have not sent your bio-data—photograph, please do so before AUGUST 31, 1975.

For more information about America's First Indian Who's Who Directory listing people from India, write or call:

WHO'S WHO, 1170 Broadway, N.Y., N.Y. 10001
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World city's colour is pink

By Jaya Subramaniam

To add to the Gaiety and Colour of Summer in Canada a delegation of citizens from Jaipur, Rajasthan, India visited Calgary in Alberta, to participate in its centenary celebrations three weeks ago. This was the first-ever

Prof. T. K. N. Unnithan, the prime force behind the movement.

delegation of Jaipur citizens to a foreign country.

SPEAKER

The delegation of some 50-60 people was headed by Shri Ram Kishore Vyas, the Hon'ble Speaker of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly and consisted of doctors, Profersors, MLA's, Engineers, businessmen, Dancers and even housewives. Being non-political in character, this delegation fostered friendly relations between the people of Canada and the people of India thus promoting international understanding, tolerance and brotherhood at a warm human level.

TWINNING

A very unique event took place in India's pink city nearly two years ago. Jaipur and Calgary were 'twinned' by a proclamation by their respective city councils. Jaipur was declared a world city. The people of Jaipur and the people of Calgary agreed to determine to Save Succeeding generations from the scourge of war and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights and to promote social progress and better standards of life. Further, they have determined to unite their strength to bring about international peace and to give greater support to the United Nations. The simplicity and modesty of the people of Jaipur, their involvement in their culture and their pride in their heritage will go a very long way in cementing friendship that has been established between the two countries. The novelty of the event was Mundialisation — that is declaring their cities, Jaipur and Calgary as portions of world territory, linked to the community of man.

TWO WAY TRAFFIC

Since the twinning took place traffic has been two-way. Several Calgarians have visited Jaipur and communicated with many there. A Calgary eye-surgeon went to Jaipur to offer his services at no charge to a mobile medical clinic which was working in the Rajasthan country side. Calgarians who carried greetings to Jaipuri's were delighted with the hospitality shower to them. Members of the present Jaipur delegation were biletted in private homes. Here lies the crux of the matter — international understanding through people to people contacts. Such a practical approach can be brought about only by men who understand society and also understand the complexities of the human mind. Such a man was Professor T. K. N. Unnithan, Professor of Sociology, at the University of Rajasthan in Jaipur, who was the executive director of the Jaipur delegation. His dedication to world peace development coupled with his deep scholarship has found fruition in twinning Jaipur and Calgary. Dr. Unnithan is no stranger to Canada. He has been a visiting Professor at the University of Calgary. The books and learned articles he has published, the offices he has held and the honbours he has received are too numerous to enumerate.

PRESENT

Various events took place in Calgary and the delegation from Jaipur took part in ceremony at the Calagary City Hall and visited the Calgary stampede to witness the parade. The delegation presented the Citizens of Calgary with a beautiful 3' x 3' replica of the famous Hawa Mahal of the pink city. Incidentally, the Hawa Mahal is said to be the last word in sand stone architecture promoting fantastic cross ventilation. The tender breeze that embraces you at every nook and corner of this famed structure has to be felt to be believed.

EXHIBITION

One of the major attraction of the Calgary celebrations was an exhibition of Rajasthani handicrafts such as tie and dye, brass work, sandalwood carving, blue pottery and semi-precious jewellery.

FOLK-DANCING

The high-light of the centenary celebrations of course was a cultural programme of music, colour-slides and dancing which lasted for an hour and a half. The group consisted of eight young women who danced with the pride of a peacock. Talented and beautiful their dancing feet carried them to Ottawa as well.

INDIA CANADA ASSOCIATION

Enthusiastic audience, packed to capacity upstairs and downstairs at the auditorium of the Victoria Memorial Museume were transported to Rajasthan — to its palaces, rivers, temples, bazzars and countryside. The 90 minute programme consisted of festive, seasonal, urban, rural, tribal, and classical dances from Jaipur, Marwar, Chenar, Alwar, Bharatpur and other places and neighbouring states.

"Chermi" — the fire dance won unanimous appreciation. What a treat to the anxious fire-fighters who stood there all in readiness for instant action! But no, the dancers were too well trained to allow any casualty.

"Taratal" — a group dance with pairs of cymbals in hands, thighs and legs was remarkable. Not a beat was missed by no one at no time. This dance gained social status only recently as in older days it was performed only by prostitutes.

'Kathak' solo was good though it seemed to me that Geeta Sanghvi had made it a little elementary taking into consideration the new audience. Folk dance duet by Geeta and Rajana was also very enjoyable.

All of them did well, Prem.

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Mr. Vyas, Alderman, Mrs Barbara Wood, M. Govil, Alan James, in Calgary Airport Reception to delegates.

Asians' civil rights to be studied

By Alan Merridew

A Two - Year study into violations of Asian Americans' and Asian immigrants' civil rights has been launched by the Civil Rights Commission's Illinois advisory committee.

The study, to be headed by Mrs. Hok-Lim C. Kim, a University of Illinois, associate professor of social work, will probe:

Immigration and Naturalization Service procedures and the State Department's consulate section visa-issuing procedures overseas.

Illinois licensing and certification regulations and procedures for health and teaching professionals and workers.

Federal, state, and local-level funding "as they relate to Asian American communities".

Bilingual education for children of Asian ancestry.

Discrimination against Asian immigrants is a volatile issue politically, Mrs. Kim said. All immigrants' civil rights "have always been ambiguous, a sort of paying your dues".

Asian Americans and Asian immigrants face discrimination in education, work, access to services, and police protection, Mrs. Kim said. She came to the United States from Korea 15 years ago.

They also have suffered from "benign neglect, . . primarily due to the myth of the problem-free, successful Asians who take care of themselves," she said.

Growing numbers "are deciding to no longer grin and bear it — they're finding that being a 'nice Asian' doesn't pay," Mrs. Kim said.

[Chicago Tribune]

Anti-smuggling drive approved

New Dlhi, July 31 (UNI): The Indian Parliament passed a Bill to remove difficulties in regard to detention of smugglers and foreign exchange racketeers and make the drive against them more effective.

Replying to discussion in the Lok Sabha (Lower House) on the Bill, Pranab Kumar Mukherjee, Minister of State of Finance, said that in the present emergency the disclosure of grounds of detention to the smugglers and compliance with the usual procedures of reference to advisory boards would not be in the larger interest of the nation.

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Travel agency declared delinquent

BY JONATHAN FEAR

A Toronto travel agency, Commonwealth Economy Tours, has been declared delinquent in its payments to several airline companies by the International Air Transport Association.

A spokesman for IATA in Montreal said yesterday the firm owes the airlines more than $250,000.

Robert Singh, manager of the agency at 345 Bloor St. E., said the firm was notified of the default late last week and is making arrangements to clear it up.

He refused to discuss any details, but said no travellers using the agency would lose any money.

Commonwealth Tours does not handle charter flights, but sells excursion fares, mainly to India and Pakistan. Mr. Singh said the firm has posted a $5,000 bond to register with Ontario's Travel Industry Act which came into effect July 15.

Douglas Caven, registrar under the new act, said he didn't know if the agency was registered. He said many firms that have posted bonds will not be officially registered until their finances are investigated by the province.

The act provides for passenger compensation when travel agencies go bankrupt.

Air India and Pan Am were two airlines involved.

Tom McEnenny, Pan Am's director of passenger marketing in Boston, said Commonwealth Tours owed the airline "a considerable amount".

He said Pan Am had not complained to IATA about the firm, but would have if another airline had not done so.

Air Canada has removed its tickets from the agency's office because of the default. Spokesman Donald Carlisle said Air Canada has been paid by the firm, but that the amount was minimal compared to that owed other airlines.

CP Air removed its tickets from the agency six or seven weeks ago, a spokesman for that airline said.

Mr. Singh said IATA has given the agency 30 days to clear up its debts.

[THE GLOBE AND MAIL]

DEATHS

Congress M.P.

New Delhi, July 31 (UNI): Mr. Muhammed Khuda Baksh, a Congress Member of arliament from the Murshidabad constituency of West Bengal, died at a hospital here. He was 62.

Madan Mohan

Bombay, July 25 (UNI): Film music director Madan Mohan (51) died here following a brief illness.

Madan Mohan won the national award for his compositions in "Dastak" in 1970.

Before entering films in 1947, he was, for two years, in charge of the Indian music department of the Delhi and Lucknow stations of All India Radio.

Muslim leader

Kozhikode, July 24 (UNI): The Kerala State Muslim League President, Mr. Panakkat P.M.S. A. Pookoya Thangal (56) died in Panakkat of Malappuram District recently.

Mr. Thangal was elected President of the Kerala State Muslim League on February 2, 1973. Till then, he was President of the Malappuram District League Committee.

Music day in Ottawa

The Canadian Music Council will celebrate International Music Day on October 1, 1975. On that day Jhankar Inc., Ottawa is presenting a concert of music entitled 'The Celestial Music of India' in the Victoria Memorial Museum of Man on McLeod Street at 8 pm. in the distinguished presence of His Worship Lorry Greenberg, Mayor of Ottawa.

The artist for the evening will be Arvind Parikh India's leading Sitarist. Mr. Parikh is not only a musician and a musicologist but a musician's musician. He is heard not only at all important music festivals in India but plays regularly at many European music festivals too. Last year he played to a standing room only audience at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa.

Mr. Parikh will be accompanied on the Tabla by Ustad Mohamad Ahmed Khan one of India's finest Tabla players. His style is one of quiet and delicate percussion. Ustad Khan has accompanied almost every leading musician in India.

Also contributing to the evening's concert will be Mr. Parikh's wife Mrs. Kishori Parikh. Mrs. Parikh is an accomplished vocalist herself and is heard frequently on the All India Radio.

Mr. Parikh's programme in Ottawa includes a lecture cum demonstration at Carleton University at ten in the morning and an address to the Rotary Club of Ottawa (South) on October 1. He will also appear on the CTV News on September 30 at 6 pm.

Jhankar Inc. is an Ottawa based organisation dedicated to spreading the culture of India. It presents a weekly radio show which is heard on CJET FM (101.1) from nine until ten every Sunday morning. Jhankar will produce a series of long playing records entitled 'The Wisdom and Music of India'. The first in this series of records will be released later this year and will feature A. Parikh and Dr. Harsha Dehejia.

Kalyani Pandya, Amrapali at age 6, and Pummy Kaur, Amrapali as a young women.

World city's colour is pink

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Prarna, Neeru, Champa, Manju, Shashi, Geeta, Rauyava . . . they say "what's in a name" — in these names were beauty, melody, color, costume, music, rhythm. . . .

Mr. Kaushal Bhargav, the dance-director and commentator had done an excellent job befitting the standard of an artist of his stature.

Next time the girls dance I would insist on their using a little hair spray and paying attention to keeping their paraphernalia a little more tidy.

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Kitchen Korner

By Pramad Sengupta

As I begin to get into a summer mood, I find that I spend most of my time outdoor and have less time to cook. So when I do cook, I try to make something practical and good. We require the same amount of nutrients for good nutrition in all season. However, during the summer months it would be wise to cut down rich foods and eat more bean, fish, poultry, yogurt, fruits and vegetables. Heavy kormas and rich biryanis are not so appealing anyway when mercury level (in the thermometer) soars high. A garden party or picnic usually begins with a barbecue, but for us no outdoor party is complete without a touch of Indian food. If there's anything that can make a picnic look good, it's the food. When was the last time you went for a ride in the country? It sounds like a great way to spend the family day. Pack your picnic basket with vegetable sandwich, bean raita, mango kulfi, plenty of watermelon and cantelope, and away you go! They are light, yet a real treat which everyone is sure to like. They are nutritious too. This dish which may seem a little unusual, comes from western India. I tasted it in Khajuraho and found it has a certain charm. You can make it the night before, reheat the next day or serve it cold.

PARSEE BHAJI

1 lb. ripe tomatoes - remove skin, and seeds, cut in quarters.
1 med. eggplant - sliced ½ inch thick
½ lb. zucchini - unpeeled and sliced ½ inch thick
1 green peppers, cut into rings
1 large onion - thinly sliced
2 cloves of garlic - finely grated
4 tbsp. chopped methi or coriander leaves
2 green chillies, chopped
½ cup oil
1 tbsp. hot curry powder
¼ tsp. each of sugar and pepper
Flour, salt.

Sprinkle eggplant and zucchini liberally with salt and stir it around, let it stand at least 1 hour. Drain between paper towels. Heat oil in a heavy pan. Dredge each slice of eggplant and zucchini with flour. Fry over medium heat until lightly browned on both sides. Heat 4 tbsp. ghee in another pan, fry onion until slightly colored; add garlic, chili, ginger, curry powder, sugar, pepper, and very little salt. Cook another 2 minutes. Grease one casserole dish, lace in it the layers of fried vegetables, tomato, green peppers, chopped leaves alternating with the layers of spice-mixture. Finish with a layer of fried vegetables. Cover and bake in a 350° F. oven for 20 m. Remove cover and cook another few minutes to dry out the excess liquid. Serve with chapati or luchi, or even be used as a filling for sandwich. The flavor improves if it is made a day in advance.

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Violinist to visit Canada

M. S. Gopalakrishnan, renowned 'Violin Vadhya Samrat', is visiting Canada and United States from 1st September till 31st October 1975. He will be available for Karnatic and Hindusthani Music concerts. He will be accompanied on the Mridhangam by Sri Trichy Sankaran. He is expected to tour the west coast during the first two weeks of September.

M. S. Gopalakrishnan is the second son of the distinguished violinist Professor Parur Sundaram Iyer, a brilliant exponent of Carnatic and Hithusthani music. Mr. Gopalakrishnan learnt both South and North Indian systems of music from his father who was a renowned authority in both systems. After years of research along with his father, he created a unique technique known as the "Parur Style". When Yehudi Menuhin visited India two decades ago, Gopalakrishnan was privileged to give a concert in his presence. Mr. Menuhin was in raptures and was all praise for his style.

Mr. Gopalakrishnan excels both as an accompanist and as a soloist. He has accompanied almost all the leading Carnatic and Hinthusthani musicians of India in concerts. He was a member of the Cultural Delegation to Kabul in 1952. In recognition of his high proficiency, he was awarded the title "Violin Vadhya Samrat" by His Holiness Swami Sivananda of Rishikesh in 1960. He went to Nepal in 1974 on a personal invitation from his Highness King Berendra of Nepal. He was awarded Padma Sri by the Government of India in 1975. If interested in arranging a concert contact Prof. K. Anantha, 7495 Tunisie, Brossard, Quebec, tel. 514-671-8790.

National Conference Re-Born

Srinagar, July 24 (UNI): The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, under whose banner the state's people fought the battle for freedom, was reborn July 5 when the Plebiscite Front, at a special delegates session, decided to adopt its name and objectives.

Although a small section in the Front was earlier reported to be opposed to an immediate change in its name and aims, the 1700 delegates present unanimously resolved to make the change in conformity with the spirit of the accord under which Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah assumed the Chief Ministership.

After the delegates approved the resolution, Sheikh Abdullah unfurled the National Conference flag at Mujahid Manzil, the venue of the session. Mujahid Manzil was headquarters of the National Conference during the days of freedom struggle.

The delegates urged Sheikh Abdullah to personnally assume the leadership of the national Conference.

Sacrilege against Sita

General Secretary of the Hindu Mahatma Gandhi Organisation in Georgetown, Guyana, Dr. Balwant Singh has written Minister of Information and Culture Miss Shirley Field-Ridley to protest what he describes as sacrilege committed against Mother Sita, a Goddess of the Hindus, whose life is regarded as the ideal for all Hindu women. In his letter to the Minister Dr. Singh said:

"Our attention has been drawn to a local comic strip called 'In Harry's House" which has been appearing in the Sunday Chronicle, and which has replaced the overseas ones.

It is our view that this issue offends good taste, certainly good Hindu taste. I should first of all point out that Sita is a Hindu Goddess whose life is described in the Holy Hindu text, the Ramayana. This book provides the main basis for the Hindu way of life and Sita's example is regarded as perfect, and the ideal for all Hindu women to emulate.

You must understand our pain therefore when the heroine of this particular strip, "In Harry's House", whose name is Sita, becomes pregnant before marriage. And we are told the father of her child is a Negro!

We wonder what is the point being made by the authors of this strip, and we began asking ourselves a series of questions.

First of all, is the author trying to further the Government's development programme?

Is this an attempt to belittle Hindus by making a mockery of their sacred books and insulting Mother Sita?

Or may be the author is trying to foster the idea of intermarriage.

Whatever the motives, we feel sick with such vulgarities and crudities which today are being peddled as examples of the new Guyanese culture. We are reminded of the offensive caricatures which are used to characterise the Negro in some countries and against which we are revolt.

On behalf of the Hindus of Guyana and in fact on behalf of all decent minded Guyanese I would like to protest most vigorously at the ridicule to which we are being subjected and we invited your immediate attention to this matter.

Lord consumes 360 tonnes of ghee

Hyderabad, South India, July 31 (UNI): The Lord Venkateswara temple at Tirumalai in Andhra Pradesh state has become the biggest single consumer of ghee in the state by consuming 360 tonnes out of 1,800 tonnes of ghee produced annually by the Andhra Pradesh Dairy Development Corporation.

Stating this here Corporation Chairman M. R. Ratnam remarked that Lord Venkateswara was the "single largest bulk consumer" of the corporation's ghee.

Miss Kalpalatha Thiagarajan gave five performances of Bharathanatyam at the India Pavillion, man and his world, in Montreal recently.

Indian threat to Pak film industry

New Delhi, July 31 (UNI): Pakistan's film industry is facing a serious challenge from the soaring popularity of Indian films shown on the Amritsar television and in other countries and the continuing menance of blue films.

The latest craze in Pakistan is to make video tapes of Indian films from Amritsar television or from the shows in Kabul and London and circulate them, according to the Urdu daily "Jang", published from Karachi. There are also reports of book sellers in Pakistan doing a roaring business by publishing Indian film stories along with the pictures of some Indian stars.

A reader recently wrote to "Nawa-i-Waqt," another Urdu Daily, that previously the fans of Indian films used to go to Iran or Afghanistan, but now they flock to Lahore when Amritsar television screens films twice a week. This affects the income of Pakistani cinema houses.

Discount fake for foreigners

New Delhi, July 24 (UNI): To promote travel between adjacent countries during the Soth East Asia Tourism Year 1975, Indian Airlines has announced 20 percent discounted individual excursion fares on its normal economy circle trip fares.

These discounted fares would be applicable for travel from and to Karachi, Bombay, Colombo, Calcutta, Dacca, Kathmandu, Delhi and Lahore on the basis of fixed routings.

Indian Airlines has included Karachi and Lahore in this scheme keeping in view that it would have to operate flights to these places as soon as the issue of ban on overflights between India and Pakistan was resolved.

Besides the discounted fare, Indian Airlines provides two "Budget Price Air Tours" foreign tourists — 'Discover India' at 200 dollars for 14 - day Go-Round-India and 'Youth Fare India' for age-group of 12 to 30 years with 25 percent off on normal fares.

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Wanted a bride for graduate hard working youth, 24. Reply in confidence. The Canadian India Times, Box 904.

A young Hindu divorcee, 31 with one boy, age 6 currently wed settled in Canada. Yearly income $12,000, height 5 ft. 7" weight 140 lbs., complexion fair, caste, religion, no bar. Apply with full details and a recent photo. Age between (25-30) or less. The Canadian India Times, Box 905.

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Match for good looking convent educated girl, 18, from Jat Gursikh, respectable family. Father highly placed officer in India. Brother doctor in Canada, The Canadian India Times, Box 907.

Correspondence invited from pretty agarwal girls or their family for a garg agarwal bachelor 25½, 5' 6", well settled in Canada. Write to The Canadian India Times, Box 908.

Correspondence invited from well settled professional men for a convent educated Jat Sikh girl 25, M. Sc., currently doing her Ph. D. in Poona. Caste, no bar. Reply to The Canadian India Times, Box 909.

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Bengalee gentleman early thirties, settled in Canada. Seeks a life partner preferably Bengalee. Interested persons may reply The Canadian India Times, Box 912.

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Proposals invited for a femal graduate teacher, 29, belongs to Keralite Marthoma family. Please reply to P. O. Box 4213, Arlington, Virginia 22204 USA.

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Wanted a suitable match for Hindu Kayastha girl living in Bihar with parents, 22 yrs. B.A. from a family in Mica mines business. Relatives well settled in Canada. Box 914, The Canadian India Times.

Suitable Hindu gentleman for Gujarati Brahmin girl, 31, 5'2". Girl teacher in india. Brothers, sister well settled in Ontario. Box 854, The Canadian India Times.

Match for slim, attractive, 5'7" Vaishya Agarwal boy, 26, M.A. psychology planning to immigrate to Canada shortly. Desirous of response from attractive girls with professional background nurse, secretary, teacher etc. Boys 3 brothers and one sister highly placed and settled in Canada. reply Box 863, Canadian India Times.

Suitable match for Punjabi Khatri girl 24, weight 105 lbs., height 5'3". Brothers well settled in Ontario. She is settled in Ontario. Professionals only need apply with full details. The Canadian India Times, Box 882.

Suitable match for a mechanical engineer (M.S.), 27, Canadian education, belongs to a respectable Hindu family of Punjab. Working for Consulting firm in Canada. No bars. The Canadian India Times, Box 888.

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Invitation to youth camp

New Delhi, July 20 (UNI): India has been invited to send a youth delegation to the 21st Olympic games in Montreal.

Organized under the aegis of the organizing Committee of the Games, the Youth Camp will comprise 1,200 boys and girl between 17 to 20 and will be hel from July 13 to August four, 1976.

The 23-day camp will be open to young people who have distinguished themselves in their countries by contributing to youth movements and development of recreation programs involving both socio-cultural and sports activities.

The main objects of the Olympic youth camp are: (A) to enable the world youth to attend and share in the spirit of the Olympic games: (b) to give 1,200 young people an opportunity to fraternise in a truly international context.

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Royal Commission on Violence in the Communications Industry

By Order-in-Council 1299-75 of May 7th, 1975 a Royal Commission to study the possible harm to the public interest of the increasing exploitation of violence in the communications industry was established. The Royal Commission has opened its offices at Room 810, 151 Bloor Street West, Toronto M5S 2V5. Telephone (416) 965-4593.

The Royal Commission's Terms of Reference are:

1. To study the effects on society of the increasing exhibition of violence in the communications industry.
2. To determine if there is any connection or a cause and effect relationship between this phenomenon and the incidence of violent crime in society.
3. To hold public hearings to enable groups and organizations, individual citizens and representatives of the industry to make known their views on the subject.
4. To make appropriate recommendations, if warranted, on any measures that should be taken by the Government of Ontario, by other levels of Government, by the general public and by the industry.

The Royal Commission invites interested persons, groups and organizations to send written briefs or letters on these matters.

1. All written submissions should be sent at least three weeks in advance of the public hearing in your area and in any event no later than May 31, 1976.
2. Persons wishing to appear before the Royal Commission to present oral briefs should forward a written summary to it at least three weeks in advance of the hearing they wish to attend.

Hearings will take place from the Fall of 1975 to the Spring of 1976. A later advertisement in this newspaper will give precise dates and locations. As of August 15th, any persons wishing to communicate with the Royal Commission on pertinent matters may do so by phoning the Royal Commission's toll-free number: 1-800-261-7091.

All submissions should be addressed to The Royal Commission on Violence in the Communications Industry, 151 Bloor Street W., Room 810, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2V5.

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